

NEWS OF INDIANA and MICHIGAN

LITTLE MERCY SHOWN
BOOTLEGGER BY COURT

St. Joseph Judge Assesses Fine and Sentence Against Offender.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Aug. 11.—Circuit business started afresh Tuesday. Judge Bridgman was back from a two weeks' vacation in the east and was ready to wade into the stack of accumulated business.

Tighten Up on Sentences.
The first case to appear before him was that of Paul R. Woodward, 21 years old, one of the Benton Harbor victims of the bootlegging campaign of Sheriff Franz.

Woodward pleaded guilty and the court sentenced him to a fine of \$50 and 30 days in jail or a straight 50-day sentence.

This indicates that the judge is stiffening his course of procedure with the local option law statutes. His first sentence was inflicted a few weeks ago, and a term of 20 days and a \$50 fine was meted out. It also happens that the young man has already spent about 21 days in jail and the additional sentence gives him a good "long stay."

HOPE FOR NORTHERN
ROUTE FOR CANAL

Speculation Is Rife at Fort Wayne as to Whether or Not Waterway Will Be Constructed.

FORT WAYNE, Aug. 11.—Now that the board of army engineers has practically finished its work and has reported on the commercial part of the great Toledo-Wayne canal, Chicago barge canal, the people on the different routes of the proposed waterways are awaiting with a great deal of anxiety some information as to what the report will say.

Will it recommend to Chief Engineer Kingman at Washington that the canal be built or will it recommend that the project be dropped for fear a waterway to connect Lake Erie with Lake Michigan would not derive enough business to pay for its construction and maintenance?

That the report will approve the engineering possibilities of the waterway there is no question. What the army board has been considering for the past year is whether or not it will be a paying proposition to the United States government.

As the engineers have announced, the northern route passes through South Whitley, Warsaw and straight north to Goshen, from which place it goes to Mishawaka and South Bend. Residents and business men of the northern route towns have expressed themselves as believing that the waterway will be built and that the report of the board to Gen. Kingman will be favorable.

**FEW CHANGES IN TAXES
MADE BY STATE BOARD**
Farm Lands in Few Cases Placed Back at Valuations Made in 1911.

Special to The News-Times.
INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 10.—It is doubtful if there has ever been a time in the history of the state when a state tax board which met here last week, made so few changes in the figures sent in by the county boards of review.

In 87 of the 92 counties of the state there was not one penny of increase made in the values placed upon farm lands. In all these 87 counties the figures stand just as returned by the county boards and it is upon the valuations made by these local agents of review that taxes will be collected in each of these counties.

The only counties in which changes were made by the state board were Martin, Davies, Orange, Vermillion and Jefferson. In these five counties the local boards had made the appraisals on farms less per acre than in 1911, when the last previous assessment had been returned. The members of the state board did not believe any farm lands in Indiana were worth less in 1913 than they were in 1911, especially since most of the county boards had made slight increases. So the state board in dealing with the five counties mentioned, simply restored the figures of 1911, which amounted to an increase of about five per cent in the assessments made by the five county boards.

**DRYS AT MARION
TO KEEP UP FIGHT**
Center Township Votes "Wet" But Two Plans Are Suggested to Keep Out Saloons.

MARION, Ind., Aug. 11.—Two plans to prevent the establishment of saloons in Center township, which recently voted wet, are being considered by dry workers of this city.

Center township will be entitled to at least five saloons, according to authorities. There is no doubt, if licenses are granted, the saloons will be established on the outskirts of the city, within walking distance of the business district.

Some of the drys are in favor of having liquor licenses issued to dry workers who will then refuse to operate saloons. Another plan is to have the city annex the territory threatened with the wet deluge. Wet leaders declare both plans impractical.

A mass meeting of the drys called by H. M. McClure, considered the problem for some time, but no decision was reached.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED
Clothing Is Fired from Overturned Lamp—Was Alone in Home.

FLINT, Mich., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Sarah Coville was fatally burned when an overturned lamp set fire to her clothing. Her son with whom she lived, left the house for a few minutes, and on his return found that her clothing had been nearly burned from her body. She died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

BELIEVES CIVILIZATION
ON MARS IS SUPERIOR

Winona Professor Tells of Planet and of Men Who May Be Eight or Nine Feet Tall.

WINONA LAKE, Ind., Aug. 11.—The fourth and last lecture of the Winona college faculty series was given at the assembly auditorium by Dr. W. E. Lugenbeel, head of the department of mathematics. His subject was "The Men of Mars, an Astronomical Excursion."

"Mars has a diameter of 4,200 miles, and therefore it is about one-eighth as large as the earth," he said. "Its day is 24 1/2 hours long, and its year 687 days. It has air, water, light, heat, all in sufficient quantities to support life such as the earth has. The area of the habitable portion is about one-half as large as that of the earth. Its surface is smooth because the original heat was not sufficient to melt iron, and hence volcanoes were not formed. Mars has all the conditions for both vegetable and animal life. It has changes of seasons, each season being twice as long as those of the earth."

The speaker said "there is evidence of intelligent life on Mars, by the canals and oases. The oceans have disappeared and the land gets its water from the melting ice caps every year. A status of about eight or nine feet, and as the race is millions of years older than man, their intelligence and knowledge can be so far in advance of man's we can not even dream of them. The canal system would indicate one nation. No doubt the flying machine is perfect, and that the heat of the sun is employed for all purposes. They have solved all social and moral problems. They have conquered disease; they can communicate directly with the powers of the mind. They have solved all the mysteries of science, and no doubt sin has disappeared."

Dr. Lugenbeel has been connected with the Winona college for eight years. He is regarded as one of the best informed men on mathematical and astronomical subjects in the central west.

STATE MEETING OPENS

Summer Session of Evangelical Association Being Held.

WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 11.—After a week of branch conferences, the regular summer meeting of the Indiana conference of the Evangelical association opened at Oakwood park, Lake Wawasee, yesterday and will continue until Sunday, Aug. 15.

Sunday marked the close of the annual sessions of the Young People's alliance, woman's missionary society and Sunday school board. The great Sunday school was under the leadership of the Rev. M. W. Sunderman of Indianapolis.

The Rev. John S. Stamm of Chicago delivered the anniversary address for the Young People's alliance, and G. B. Kimmel of Naperville, Ill., delivered the convention sermon for the missionary society.

The woman's missionary society at its annual business session, elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Charles H. Hunsman, Indianapolis; vice president, Mrs. L. S. Warvel, Kendallville; recording secretary, Mrs. R. L. Luse, Huntington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Koch, Indianapolis; treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Rieger, South Bend; secretary young woman's department, Mrs. C. E. Boyer, Fort Wayne; superintendent mission bands, Mrs. Alfred Snook, Kokomo; secretary literature, Mrs. J. W. Bucks, South Bend.

ATTEMPTS TO BURN HOME

Grand Rapids Man Charged With Serious Offense—Was Jealous.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 11.—Frank Cook, 36 years old, was arrested by detectives charged with attempting to burn the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dolphin, 338 Commerce av., because he was jealous of Mrs. Dolphin's love for her husband.

Cook formerly boarded at the Dolphin home. He mistook, say the police, her attempts to make him feel at home for affection and attempted to make love to her. When she repulsed him, Cook left the house and, according to the police, returned Friday night to burn the family and home.

FIND CHILD DROWNED

Boy Had Strayed from Home and Body Is Found in Creek.

SYRACUSE, Ind., Aug. 11.—David William Honeywell, six years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Honeywell, residing on a farm at the west end of Lake Wawasee, was drowned in Turkey creek, his body being found by his sister, Mary, 10 years old, who had been sent to look for him after he had been missing for more than an hour.

His body was found near a bridge crossing the creek, in about three and one-half feet of water, where it had been lying for more than an hour. The child's nose had been bitten by a turtle, and the cause of the drowning was called to officially by the remains.

RECEPTION FOR RILEY

Hoosier Poet Greatly Honored at Columbus Fair.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 11.—(With the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells, James Whitcomb Riley, the "Hoosier poet," was welcomed to this city as the guest of the Bartholomew county fair.

A reception committee of 13 prominent citizens met the poet at the fair grounds, where he was met by a large group of women of the city, met the famous poet four miles south of the city.

As the procession entered the city, fire bells, factory whistles and church bells, together with the shouts of children and the applause of the crowds combined to create an almost deafening din.

At the fair grounds Riley rode at the head of a procession which led through a lane one mile long, formed by 6,000 children, who scattered flowers before his car.

COMPLIMENT WILSON

Free Masons Forward Letter Approving His Actions.

GARY, Ind., Aug. 11.—Maximilian Kirchman, national secretary of the John Hus League of Free Masons in the United States, which is composed of native born and many American citizens, former subjects of Franz Josef of Austria, Tuesday forwarded a letter to President Wilson signed by officers of the league expressing their confidence in him and giving assurances of their Americanism.

The president was told the league members "take particular interest in the wrong objections recently presented by Austria to our country's sales of munitions, etc., to the allies."

It is also stated in the letter that the league wishes to "evaporate" politicians who are blocking American preparedness by fighting increases for the army and navy.

BROTHER IS ARRESTED

Identifies Body at Morgue and Goes to Jail—Foul Play Suspected.

DETROIT, Aug. 11.—J. N. Magdowski identified a body in the morgue as that of his brother Stephen, and he was promptly arrested.

Stephen, 33 years old, was killed Sunday night when he was thrown from a stolen automobile in which he and three others were riding.

The accident occurred when the car hit a temporary street car track. The three occupants of the car ran away. The body of Stephen was unidentified until Monday.

BIG DRAIN WILL START

Contracts for One-Mile Ditch Are Let at Burr Oak.

BURR OAK, Mich., Aug. 11.—The contract for digging the big drain that extends for nine miles through St. Joseph county, and which empties into Egan river, was awarded to H. L. Densen of Montpelier, Ind., this week by the county drain commissioner.

The figure for which it was let was \$16,000. The bid for the contract ranging all the way from that sum up to \$22,000. Work on the drain is to start about Oct. 1 of this year and must be completed by May 1, 1916.

TO IGNORE HIGHWAY

Organization Is Formed in Southern Part of State.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 11.—At a meeting in Glenwood park here Tuesday an organization was effected with every county along the route included in the bill to ignore the road between Indianapolis and New Albany in what there be no doubt of its selection for the Dixie highway route.

Tom Taggart, Dixie highway commissioner for Indiana, who suggested the plan, made one of the addresses. Thousands of highway boosters for southern Indiana were present.

ROAD ENTHUSIASTS
ARE MAKING PLANS

Elkhartans to Affiliate With Hoosier-Dixie Body—Plummer is Dead.

ELKHART, Ind., Aug. 11.—Twenty Elkhart county road road enthusiasts have taken steps to organize an Elkhart county auxiliary of the Hoosier-Dixie Highway association. Two Elkhart county members of the board of governors of the general organization were appointed. They are E. L. Arnold of Elkhart and Mayor S. P. Spohn of Goshen. Sixteen delegates have been named to attend the first general meeting of the general organization, which is to be held at Anderson Wednesday. These include G. E. Sherman, O. H. Markel, E. B. Zigler, J. P. Ohmer and W. G. Hill of Elkhart, six Goshen residents and five Jackson township citizens.

"Three business men volunteered to add \$10 each to the fund to make up the deficit of the 1914 chautauque assembly," said Dr. C. W. Haywood Tuesday, in telling of the gratifying response that was made to the appeal to the public to wipe out last year's debt. That makes the total of contributions and pledges to the fund about \$500. The deficit was a round \$600.

After an illness from tuberculosis for three years, Anton William Johnson died suddenly in a chair at 4:30 Tuesday morning at his home, 131 State st. He is survived by his wife, Jennie Johnson; father, C. A. Johnson of 331 Mason st.; brothers, August Johnson of Elkhart, and Frank Johnson of Mishawaka, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Magnuson of this city.

Mr. Johnson was employed by several plumbing firms, at one time by the Mishawaka brother when the latter was a brother here. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

As an added attraction at the baseball game between the Elkhart Athletics and the Laporte team next Sunday at the driving park, R. H. ("Buster") Brown will make a balloon ascension and a double parachute drop.

Mr. and Mrs. Darius Waterman, both about 60 years old, well known residents of three miles south of the city, were seriously injured when they were thrown to the ground from the top of a load of straw which overturned at the entrance to the Waterman barnyard.

Mrs. Waterman sustained the fracture of both wrists and several body bruises. Mr. Waterman suffered a broken ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterman had been to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Jacob Clipp, Mr. Waterman, who was driving, made too short a turn upon entering the yard.

Joe Cutler, a well known N. Y. C. apprentice, who became a Benedictine monk, knows how to sympathize with those ancient fellows who had to sit in the stocks.

Some 75 of his East Elkhart friends have been here to realize what it means to be cooped up in a placard goods box, set on a pair of wheels and dragged up and down Main st. behind a merchandise truck loaded with shouting merry-makers. That was his experience Monday evening. A second truckload of captors followed the first.

After Mr. Cutler and Miss Maude Sailer were married they left on a bridal trip that ended Monday evening. Soon after that the bridegroom's troubles began. They ended when he tendered "the crowd" a candy treat.

BULL MOOSE GOES
BACK TO FIRST LOVE

FREDERICK M. DAVENPORT.

ALBANY, Aug. 10.—Frederick M. Davenport, progressive candidate for governor of New York last fall, has quit the ranks of the bull moose for good, and will return to the fold of the republican party.

George W. Perkins scored a victory in holding the leaders together at a conference here, but his victory was somewhat dimmed by Davenport's return to the G. O. P. In making the announcement of his return to the old advice, Davenport said that the time had come for all the progressives to return to the republican fold.

OFFICER IS SLASHED

Brother of Former South Bend Patrolman Is Injured.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-TIMES.
LAPORTE, Ind., Aug. 11.—James Buntun, 67 years old, was held to the circuit court of Laporte Tuesday to answer to a charge of assault with intent to kill Patrolman Lass, a brother of a former South Bend police officer, attempted to arrest Buntun, when the latter drew a knife and viciously slashed Officer Lass, severing an artery and inflicting dangerous wounds. Lass was hurried to the hospital where his wounds were dressed by physicians, who stated that he will recover unless complications develop.

WOMAN IS IDENTIFIED

Applied at County Jail for Aid While Clad in Night Dress.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Aug. 11.—Relatives of Marie Wells, who for two days has proven a mystery to Sheriff Ralph Chapman, have been located in Vermontville and she has been returned to that place.

The woman appeared at the jail, clad only in light clothing and wearing on her dress a card bearing a request that her relatives be notified if she died suddenly.

STATE BRIEFS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Sympathy first, was the slogan of James Swisher following his incarceration in the city bastille for presuming to be the father of a girl held under the matron's charge.

WORTHINGTON, Ind.—Two hundred band men from 12 towns took part in a Sunday concert here. All were dressed in white, the populace dubbing it "the great white band." Five thousand people attended the concert.

MUNCIE, Ind.—Marion C. Fullhart, a newspaper stenographer, has been appointed to the board of police commissioners by Mayor Brown.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Skehan wins! No, not an auto race, but a "push-mobile speedway" contest. The first prize was awarded to Phil Skehan recently. Five "cars" were entered in the race.

COLUMBUS, Ind.—James Whitcomb Riley is to be the recipient of a fitting tribute on his visit to Columbus if the plans of Mayor Volland materialize. Riley is the world's greatest poet and a Hoosier, too.

BRAZIL, Ind.—Mayor John J. Jones, arrested recently on a charge of hunting without a license, believes his arrest was the result of a political plot, and has decided to plead not guilty to the charge.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Every penny that's coming to Uncle Sam under the revenue laws will have to be paid while Collector Peter Krueger is on the job.

The latest warning to be issued to field deputies over the state concerns the "war tax" on wines, cordials and similar goods. Untapped stocks of this nature are to be seized and held for evidence in prosecution.

GOSHEN, Ind.—Emanuel Burkholder, 12 years old, was found in a dying condition in a field on his father's farm near Nappanee, Elkhart county. He had been kicked in the head by a colt.

NEW ALBANY, Ind.—Several thousand persons are taking steps toward building 110 miles of good roads between New Albany and Indianapolis, and will seek to link the whole up with the Dixie highway, projected from Chicago to Miami, Fla.

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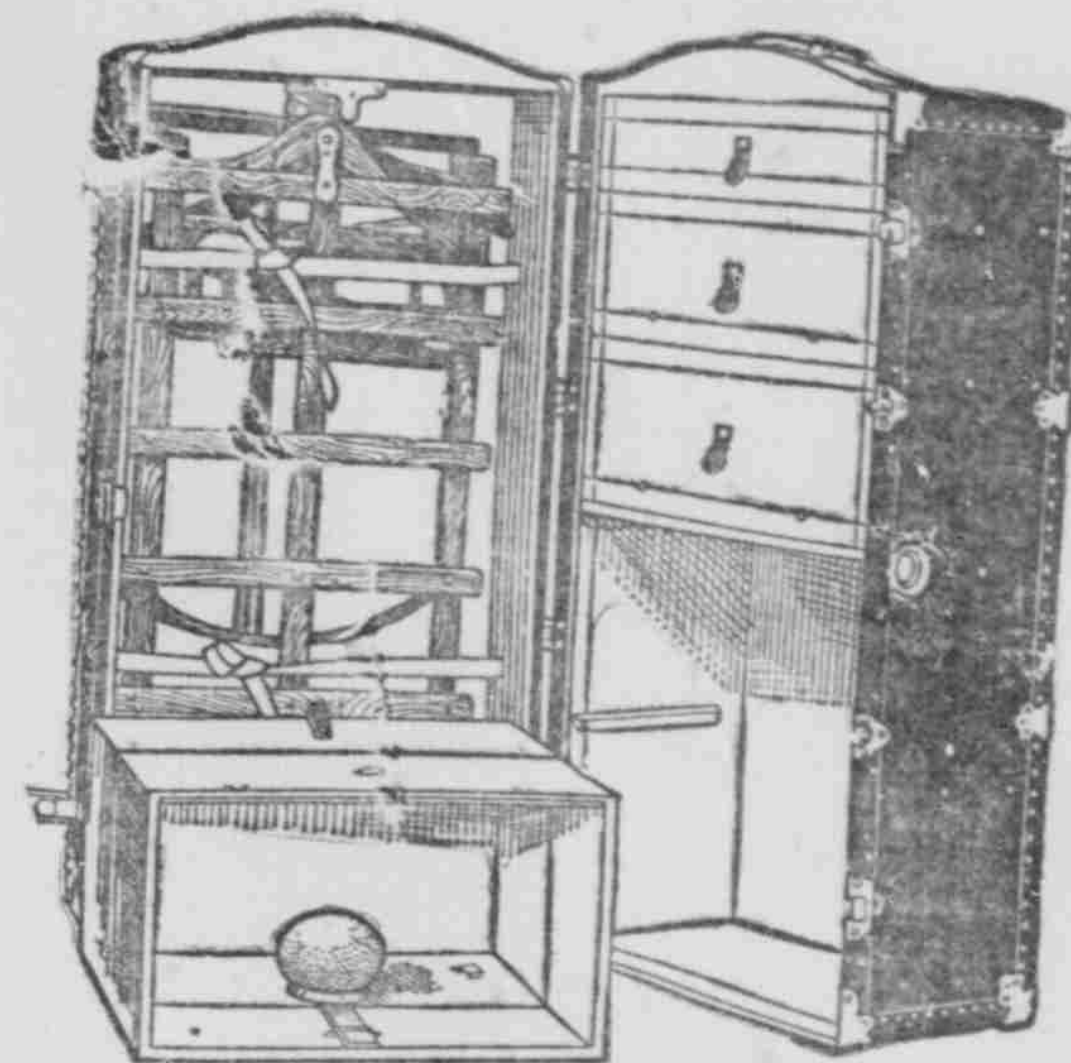
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FORMER DETECTIVES
ARE FOUND GUILTY

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Former Detective Sergeants William Egan and Walter O'Brien were found guilty of accepting bribes to protect clairvoyants by a jury here. The penalty is from one to five years in prison. They are the second batch of police lieutenants to be found guilty of grafting in the past few weeks.

The others were Capt. James O'Dea, Storen and Detective Michael Weissbaum. Capt. John J. Halpin, former head of the detective bureau, and Lieut. John Tobin will be placed on trial next. William Amster, a jurymen in the Egan-O'Brien case, said he had been coerced by curses and threats to sign the verdict.

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